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BOISE STUDENT WINS HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST

BOISE – You-Jean Cho, a fifth-grade student at Jefferson Elementary School in Boise, has won the 2011 Holiday Card Contest, Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna announced today.

"Congratulations to You-Jean Cho for winning the grand prize this year! Idaho's annual Holiday Card Contest is a great way to celebrate the importance of arts in education and showcase the great talent of Idaho's students," Superintendent Luna said.

Cho's artwork will be featured on the State Department of Education's holiday greeting cards this year, which are sent to schools, districts and others across the state. She will also receive a certificate and copies of the greeting card to share with her friends and family members.

"We are so proud of You-Jean for being selected for this statewide honor," said Boise Superintendent Don Coberly. "Though she arrived in the United States just last year, she has impressed her Jefferson Elementary School teachers with her talent and dedication to her studies. Her use of artistic perspective and attention to detail are unusual for a student of her age."

Superintendent Luna also awarded the following grade-level winners across the state:

- Kindergarten: Lydia Frederick, Pioneer Elementary School, Weiser School District
- 1st Grade: Emmitt Brown, Idaho Virtual Academy, Post Falls
- 2nd Grade: Tucker Rhodes, Orchards Elementary School, Lewiston School District
- 3rd Grade: Breanna Nine, McSorley Elementary School, Lewiston School District
- 4th Grade: Sophia Boson, McSorley Elementary School, Lewiston School District
- 5th Grade: Rebecca Hammond, Idaho Virtual Academy, Deary
- 6th Grade: Taytum Allen, New Plymouth Middle School, New Plymouth School District

Congratulations to all the winners! Each student will receive a certificate of recognition. The grand prize winner's drawing is posted online at http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/media_center/.

For electronic copies of other artwork, please e-mail Melissa McGrath at mrmcgrath@sde.idaho.gov.

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